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SUBJ: NARCOTICS

1. AT 4:30 AM 16 JUL AT LODGE, MURRY MOUNTAIN, ST. ANN, PARISH,
A 36-MAN POLICE TASK FORCE LED BY INSPECTOR L. SPAULDING, CHIEF
OF THE NEWLY FORMED JAMAICAN NARCOTICS UNIT SEIZED 62 THOUSAND
POUNDS OF PREPARED MARIJUANA IN 1,000 BAGS. 12,000 POUNDS
WERE DESTROYED ON THE SPOT AND 50,000 POUNDS WERE TRANSPORTED
TO KINGSTON FOR EVIDENCE PURPOSES. 18 JAMAICAN FARMERS WERE ARRE-
STED AND ALL ARE PRESENTLY PENDING COURT ACTION.

2. THE NARCOTICS UNIT, WORKING ON LEADS DEVELOPED BY INFORMATION
ON THREE US REGISTERED BOATS, DESCENDED UPON THIS STORAGE AREA
WHICH WAS THE GATHERING POINT FOR EXPORT SHIPMENT. POLICE INF-
ORMATION INDICATES THAT THE ENTIRE 31 TONS WAS DESTINED TO BE
SHIPPED BY THREE BOATS TO THE UNITED STATES.

3. TRADITIONALLY, PROCESSED MARIJUANA IS STORED IN SMALL QUANT-
ITIES BY THE INDIVIDUAL FARMER OR FARMING COMMUNITY AND SOLD BY
LOTS TO THE MIDDLEMAN. IN THIS CASE, THE SEIZURE REPRESENTS A
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YEAR'S PRODUCTION BY 50 OR 60 FARMING FAMILIES WHICH WAS GATHERED

AT A CENTRAL SOURCE FOR EXPORT. THIS CASE IS OF MAJOR SIGNIFICANCE DUE TO THE BLOW IT HAS DEALT THE PRODUCER AND MIDDLEMAN.

4. SIMILARLY, IT IS VERY UNUSUAL FOR THE PRODUCER (FARMER) TO BE ARRESTED. MOST MAJOR SEIZURES BY THE JAMAICAN POLICE IN THE PAST TWO YEARS HAVE RESULTED IN NO RPT NO JAMAICAN ARREST. THE NARCOTICS UNIT PRIOR TO THIS CASE HAVE MADE TWO RAIDS WHICH RESULTED IN 2,000 POUNDS SEIZED AND 8 PRODUCERS ARRESTED. CONTINUED OPERATIONS OF THIS NATURE WILL RESULT IN A MEASURABLE DECLINE OF MARIJUANA PRODUCTION.

5. THE NARCOTICS UNIT WAS FORMED AS A RESULT OF THE JAMAICAN NCAP AND IT IS COMMANDED BY A MAN TRAINED BY AID/OPS/IPA IN NARCOTICS ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT. THIS CASE REPRESENTS THE FIRST MAJOR RESULT OF THE JAMAICAN NCAP PROJECT AND COMING, AS IT DOES, 24 DAYS AFTER THE FORMAL SIGNING OF THE JOINT US/GOJ NARCOTICS PRO/AG, SERVES AS AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE TO THE GOJ OF THE WORTH AND NEED OF THIS PROGRAM.
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